

Official Diary

Tuesday, 17 February 1953

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1. Noted at the morning meeting that Senator Tobey's Interstate Commerce Commission was planning to investigate Soviet clandestine procurement in the United States and that this matter will impinge on some CIA activities. I requested [redacted] to insure that Legislative Liaison kept in close touch with this situation. Later spoke about this by phone with Walter Pforzheimer.

2. Made a final check with D/CI on the contents of the Wednesday briefing.

3. Also briefly discussed current intelligence respecting the possibility of an invasion of Guatemala.

4. Reported at the morning meeting that rumors of Eisler defection were apparently false, judging by press reports of a planned talk.

5. Mr. Dulles inquired whether [redacted] would be interested in having a contact with [redacted] I indicated that we probably had a contact with [redacted] but I would check with [redacted]

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6. Attended NSC Senior Staff meeting.

7. Met with [redacted] on possible South American estimates. We agreed on a schedule and on priorities, subject to [redacted] checking with his board. I was later informed that these estimates had been accepted and would be presented to the IAC as emanating from CIA.

8. Had a final briefing of Mr. Dulles for the NSC session.

9. [redacted] phoned and stated that he had inquired and was assured that the Joint Chiefs of Staff did not intend to participate in any five-power or tripartite meeting or organization relating to Southeast Asia. I expressed our appreciation. [redacted] later told me that he had spoken with [redacted] on this and felt that an effort would be made to maintain this line.

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10. [redacted] phoned and inquired about certain questions of [redacted] as raised by [redacted] I told him that I planned at an early date to call a meeting of [redacted] and myself to consider what action should be taken on this. [redacted] had no desire to attend this meeting.

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